

ORAL QUESTION H-0288/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Harsh and unpopular measures

The measures adopted by the EU and the Member State governments in the context of the anti-labour decisions taken at the informal EU employment summit of 7 May 2009 in Prague constitute a harsh attack on workers with the aim of safeguarding the profits made by monopolies.

The reports drawn up by the ESF, the IMF and the OECD represent the ideological pedestal for capital to introduce new 'structural changes' designed to bring about even harsher and more sweeping anti-labour measures, in particular: the generalised use of flexible forms of employment, an attack on collective agreements, drastic cuts in pay and pensions, an increase in the retirement age and a rise in tax for employees, pensioners and the self-employed, as well as the privatisation of health, welfare and education.

Will the Commission's guidelines for 'lasting structural reforms', which it is discussing and jointly deciding on with the New Democracy Government in Greece, include the harsh and unpopular measures described above?

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